

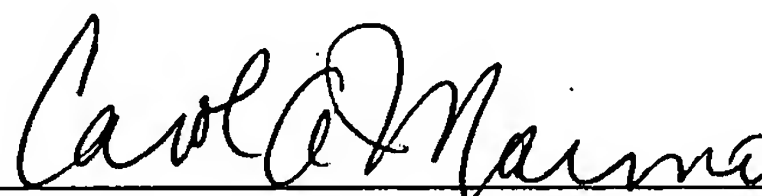
## REMARKS

Claims 1-68 are pending in this patent application. No claims are amended.

In the Office Action of October 19, 2005, the Examiner requires Applicants under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species. In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect "I. The first layer absorbs at least 2% by weight of slurry." Claims 1-19 and 59-61 are readable thereon.

Applicants submit that claims are in condition for allowance and therefore, respectfully request consideration of these claims.

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